3000 tonnes, which is mainly met through imports. Import of tin has also been permitted under OGL by actual users or export/trading houses. There is no reported shortage of tin in the country. Selling price of imported tin is fixed as per international prices; import duties, MMTC charges etc.

Provision in State budgets for writing off loans to farmers

2622. *SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:* Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many States have not made any provision in their Budgets for writing off loans of farmers as announced in the Central Budget of 1990-91;

(b) if so, what are the names of these States; and

(c) in what manner the Central Government propose to ensure compliance of this scheme by these States?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) Government of India have formulated Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) Scheme, 1990 for providing debt relief to farmers, landless cultivators, artisans and weavers upto Rs. 1000 by public sector banks and regional rural banks. In so far as the banks in cooperative sector are concerned, State Governments have been requested to frame a scheme on similar pattern. As per reports available so far, a majority of State Governments have agreed to formulate schemes for co-operative banks on the lines of the Central Scheme. Thirteen States have submitted their schemes to the Government and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). The Schemes are yet to be received, on date, from 12 States, namely Andhra Pradesh Arunachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Manipur Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Goa Tripura, Sikkim, and the seven Union Territories

(c) The Central Government would meet the full cost of write off in respect of public sector banks and regional rural banks. In case of cooperative banks, 50 per cent of the cost shall be borne by the Government of India, the remaining 50 per cent would be met by State Governments, and to meet their share, State Cooperative Banks and State Land Development Banks can avail concessional loans from NABARD.

Taking over of sick tea gardens

2623. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to take over sick tea gardens to boost exports; and

(b) if so, what is the justification therefor in view of the favourable price conditions in both domestic and international markets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) *Does not arise.*

Number of Crop Insurance claims settled by G.I.C.

2624. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have enlarged the areas of working of the General Insurance Corporation in the field of motivation etc.;

(b) what is the number of crop insurance claims settled by the Corporation during the last three years; and

(c) what are the names of States where this crop insurance scheme is applicable?